Remodelling of Defence Aerodromes for civil aviation purposes

1697. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to remodel a number of Defence Aerodromes to be used for regular civil aviation purposes;

(b) if so, the list of specific aerodromes identified for such remodelling and the criteria laid down for their selection; and

(c) the details of guidlines formulated for ensuring security of the Defence Establishments in such cases, especially where foreign airlines may also be allowed to operate?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No Sir. However, Airports Authority of India is constructing a civil enclave at Pathankot airport with a view to provide connectivity through air services by large aircraft to the tourist places of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New proposals approved by FIPB

†1698. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted the recommendations of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board and 32 proposals of foreign direct investment have been given a go ahead; and

(b) if so, the name of industries alongwith the total amount of investment proposed and the names of foreign investor companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 32 proposals of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) amounting to Rs. 477 crore have been granted approval based on the recommendations of FIPB in its meeting held on 14.6.2001. The details are contained in Press Release of 20.6.2001 issued by this Ministry, which is also posted on the SIA Website (Http://www.nic.in/indmin).

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